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TO: BLNR Chair Suzanne D. Case & Board Members

FR: Patricia P. Ikeda  
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RE: Request To Be Admitted as a Party in the Contested CaseHearing for CDUP HA-3568 for the Thirty Meter Telescope in the Mauna Kea Lands, Ka'ohe, Hamakua District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK (3) 4-4-015:009

I am requesting to be admitted as a party to the above-contested case hearing pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules §13-1-31. This request should be granted because I: (1) have property interest in the lands of Mauna Kea through the exercise of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices; (2) will be affected by the proposed Thirty Meter Telescope project and have an interest in the proceedings that are clearly distinguishable from the general public; (3) have substantial interest in the proceedings; and my: (4) participation will substantially assist the board in its decision making; (5) position is not substantially the same as any existing parties to the proceedings; and (6) participation will add substantially new relevant information and will not make the proceedings inefficient and unmanageable.

My interest in the proceedings is also because:

- I have been dancing hula for over thirty years. Hula associates strong ties to 'aina kinship which includes papa hulilani (heavens/atmosphere), papa hulihonua (land, ocean, water) and papa hanau moku (all living things).
- I truly believe that in the case of the University of Hawai'i and TMT, they are criminalizing me for standing up for the perpetuation of my cultural beliefs and practices. This is happening all over the world. Indigenous peoples are standing now because enough is enough!
- I am a Native Hawaiian, descendant of the native inhabitants of Hawai'i prior to 1778 who exercises traditional and customary practices to nurture my mental, physical and spiritual well-being.

Your consideration of my participation in the above-mentioned case hearing is appreciated.